

SUPPORT SB 449
Increase Fuel Efficiency In State Vehicles
(Sen. Kim Gillan)

SENATE HIGHWAYS

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**"America is addicted to oil, which is often imported from unstable parts of the world."
-President George W. Bush (State of the Union Address, January 2006)**

In 1975, the U.S. imported 25% of our supply. Today, we import more than half.

In 1975, the U.S. imported **4,105,000 barrels of oil per day**.

The Federal CAFE standard was passed in 1975, and went into effect in 1978. By 1985, oil imports were cut to **3,201,000 barrels per day**.

In 2005, we imported **10,126,000 barrels per day**.

That's an increase of more than **300%** between 1985 and 2005.

The U.S. currently consumes **25%** of the world's oil supply, but makes up only **4%** of the world's population.

This rate of oil consumption jeopardizes national security, constitutes a major source of air pollution, and is not sustainable.

What Does SB 449 Do?

- Requires state fleets to meet 120% of the Federal CAFE standard.
- Current CAFE for passenger vehicles is 27.5 mpg X 120% = 33 mpg
- Current CAFE for light trucks and SUVs is 20.2 mpg X 120% = 24.25 mpg
- It exempts highway patrol vehicles, construction vehicles, delivery vehicles, vehicles primarily used in off-road applications, and vehicles carrying more than six passengers.
- Instructs agencies to develop plans to reduce fuel consumption through carpooling and the use of cost-effective technologies to reduce travel.

Why Do We Need SB 449?

- The CAFE for passenger vehicles has remained stagnant since 1990.
- Oil prices are increasingly volatile.
- Increasing fuel efficiency helps reduce our dependence on foreign oil.
- Vehicle emissions degrade air quality in our cities and contribute to global warming.
- Highly efficient fleets will help shield Montana taxpayers from price spikes.

Other States that Have Adopted State Fleet Efficiency Policies

California
Georgia
Iowa
Maine
Missouri
Rhode Island

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